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## Installation Of Officers To Head Brith Sholom Services This Weekend

The Brith Sholom Congregation will have special festive services this weekend to celebrate the installation of their officers. Cantor (Wonder-Boy) Lazarke Berger of New York City will chant at the services Friday and Saturday.

Late Friday services will be conducted December 24, 8:00 p. m. Sabbath morning services will be held at 8:15 a. m.

A banquet will be held at the Brith Sholom Auditorium, 6166 Delmar Blvd., in honor of the installation of officers and Brith Sholom's building chairman, S. J. Jacoby, Sunday at 6:00 p. m.

Rabbi Jacob R. Mazur will install the newly elected officers and board of directors. Paul R. Felber-

baum is chairman of the banquet committee.

New officers of the Brith Sholom Congregation are: Jos. Sachs, Morris Rosenbaum, Paul R. Felberbaum, honorary presidents; E. Graff, honorary treasurer; Ben Cohen, president; Charles Binowitz, 1st vice-president; William Rubenstein, 2nd vice-president; A. I. Graff, treasurer; J. M. Elbaum, secretary; H. M. Raven, financial secretary;



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BEN COHEN

baum will act as toastmaster at the dinner. Presentations will be made by Morris Rosenbaum, honorary president, Sam Fischman, Charles Binowitz and William Rubenstein, vice-presidents. Little Cantor Berger will render a special concert for the entertainment of the dinner guests. J. M. Elbaum

## PAUL HOFFMAN RECEIVES HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD



PAUL HOFFMAN

Paul G. Hoffman has been named as the recipient of the first Human Rights Award of the Joint Defense Appeal, it was announced last week. Hoffman was first administrator of the Economic Cooperation Administration, former president of the Ford Foundation, and is now president of the Fund for The Republic, an independent organization created by the Ford Foundation.

## B'nai B'rith Urges Sabbath Observance On New Year's Eve

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Since New Year's Eve occurs on a Friday evening this year, B'nai B'rith reiterated its fixed policy regarding the sanctity of the Sabbath in a statement issued to its 1600 lodges and chapters throughout the United States and Canada this week. The B'nai B'rith statement requested a policy resolution of an Executive Committee meeting in February 1953, which reads as follows: "No unsuitable affair should be held on a Jewish holiday, and the Sabbath should never be violated in any way by a B'nai B'rith function. The above is the policy of B'nai B'rith and all its units are strongly urged to adhere to it."

The B'nai B'rith Women adopted a similar resolution at a meeting held earlier this year in which they urged its members to limit Sabbath functions to Oneg Shabbats.

Rabbinical groups in many cities have issued appeals to maintain the sanctity of the Sabbath by not arranging or sponsoring any public celebrations on New Year's Eve. They point to the holiness of the Sabbath as one of the foundations of the Jewish faith and urge Jews to spend the evening in prayer and meditation at their synagogues or temples.

Glassman, a woman in her 60's. Her son went to Israel in 1948 to fight in the Israeli War of Independence. She naturally worried. "Come back home," she wrote. "I am home," he wrote back. "You come home!" A widow then, Mrs. Glassman came, expecting to remain but a month or so. That was five years ago. Israel has become her permanent home: she married an ex-St. Louisan, a Washington University alumnus. Her sons have married, one to a Sabra, the other to a Dutch girl. God has been good to her, Mrs. Glassman remarks, to allow her to live in the Holy Land, whereas her ancestors could only dream about doing it.

We reached the Jerusalem Y, looking like a tall tower of silence, at midnight.

## Goal Of Close To \$100,000,000 Voted For In U. J. A. 1955 Drive

NEW YORK, (Special)—A goal of \$99,521,275 for the 1955 nationwide campaign of the United Jewish Appeal was adopted here last weekend to set in motion the UJA's 17th annual effort in behalf of refugee settlement, welfare and rehabilitation programs in Israel, Moslem countries and the United States.

At the same time William Rosenwald of New York, long prominent as a top leader in the United Jewish Appeal and other philanthropic and civic bodies, and son of the

late Julius Rosenwald whose humanitarian tradition he continues, was elected by acclamation to serve as General Chairman of the Appeal's multi-million dollar drive.

The Conference delegates, hailing Rosenwald's election in a resolution of support, declared it "a fitting climax to an outstanding career in many aspects of Jewish leadership," and stated they would work wholeheartedly with him to seek "the highest possible income" for the Appeal's 1955 drive.

Edward M. M. Warburg, four-time General Chairman, whom Mr. Rosenwald succeeds, was elected to the newly created post of President of the UJA, thereby continuing as a key figure in the agency which in the past 16 years has become the largest voluntary fund-raising organization in the United States.

The close to \$100,000,000 goal was adopted by the delegates to help meet the 1955 budgetary needs of the Appeal's constituent agencies.

In setting the goal at nearly \$100,000,000 as against the almost \$120,000,000 needed by these agencies, the delegates took into account that some \$20,000,000 will be forthcoming from the reparations

## Morris Shapiro Memorial Meeting January 2nd

A memorial meeting for Morris Shapiro, past president of the Vaad Hoir, and the Chesed Shel Emeth Society and past grand secretary of the Progressive Order of the West, will be held Sunday, January 2, 1955, at 2 p. m. at the Chesed Shel Emeth Congregation, 700 North and South Road.

Phil Schwartz, treasurer of the Chesed Shel Emeth, is chairman of arrangements of this memorial.

## STAR NEWS ROUNDUP

### HEBREW LITERATURE IN ASIAN, AFRICAN LANGUAGES

JERUSALEM (ISI)—The Indian Committee for UNESCO has requested the Israel Committee to prepare a list of Hebrew works, both modern and classical, worthy of translation into Asian and African languages. This is part of a long-term plan for the mutual translation of the best in the literature of various Asian and African languages.

### BLAUSTEIN URGES ISRAEL TO PROMOTE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

NEW YORK (ZINS)—Jacob Blaustein, Honorary President of the American Jewish Committee said that "it is essential to Israel that private enterprise be actively promoted," at a testimonial dinner given in his honor.

### B'NAI B'RITH PLANS SPECIAL UN PROGRAMS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A year-round series of special programs commemorating the tenth anniversary of the United Nations is being planned by B'nai B'rith. The program will be held in conjunction with the celebrations planned by the American Association for the United Nations and will reach a climax in a worldwide holiday to be known as United Nations Decennial Day, set for October 24, 1955.

## "Lights of Tel Aviv--"

Irv Halperin, who is presently in the English Department, Washington University, St. Louis, was in India last year on a teaching Fulbright grant, and on his return to the States, stopped in Israel for a month. We are happy to present these abridged sections from his Journal.—Editor.

I'm in Room 323 of the Y, listening to distant church bells, drinking water and musing as to when, in what former life, I last was in Jerusalem . . .

The flight from Rome to Tel Aviv was dull: I slept most of the way. Coming to Israel by sea must be memorable. The approach is gradual: emotion, anticipation, yearning of longing accumulate. Passengers line the decks, crying out when the Haifa shore is sighted. But being aboard a cabin-pressurized, steel insulated plane makes for little romance.

Lights of Tel Aviv. Then, suddenly, I hear chords of inner music. Why does the heart leap up, singing. Because of the Return? This music evokes the image of an ancient shepherd in Eretz Israel, guarding his flocks on a high hill. Did he sing this melody centuries back? Or do I hear it only in the Now? Some elderly American lady on board is crying . . . Will she leave the country 2-3 days later feeling as keenly about departure

as she apparently does about arrival?

As we descended, did we feel a contact under our feet? Did the Israeli dust actually touch us or did we simply alight on inanimate soil, otherwise undifferentiated from earth in London, Rome, Tokyo?

The first breath of air is sagebrush, clean and pungent, like New Mexico, Arizona where the earth lavishes fragrance after rain. Stars are cool and desert clear over Tel Aviv. A new moon ascends.

I decided to push on to Jerusalem, to go by group taxi. Why be in turbulent Tel Aviv when morning comes. Better to awaken in the city of my fathers.

At the terminal gate, old bearded Jews in black greatcoats await their long absent, beloved Hasidic rabbi. And on his appearance, what a demonstration of affection! With joyous song and dancing they greet him, this large, bearded, benign rabbi. Such affection can't be feigned.

We're off to Jerusalem, through hills, beside valleys: the cab travels swiftly. Dimly lit, coldly bleak settlements appear on either side of the road. Unfriendly Arabs are ten miles distant—or less.

One of the passengers is Mrs.

## "And Then The Mighty Arm of Judah Maccabee . . ."



Two recently arrived immigrant children temporarily living at the shelter of United HIAS Service, in New York, listen in rapt attention as Rabbi Ezekiel Landau, the agency's spiritual adviser, retells the old — and yet ever new — story of how the enemies of Israel were defeated by the brave handful led by Judah Maccabee, and explains to them the symbolism and the meaning of the Menorah in the observance of the Chanukah holiday, which will be celebrated at the United HIAS Service Shelter by a group of immigrants who will spend their first Chanukah in many years in a free land.



# THE JEWISH ATTITUDE TOWARD MISSIONARIES

(First of Three Installments)  
By ROBERT GORDIS

(Dr. Gordis, Professor of Bible at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Adjunct Professor of Religion, Columbia University; and Rabbi of Temple Beth El, Rockaway Beach, New York. In the light of the current debate on the question of whether or not to seek proselytes for Judaism, the following article will be of interest. Editor.)

In ever larger measure Americans of differing colors and creeds are recognizing that brotherhood is of the very warp and woof of American life. As in the critical days of the American Revolution, Ben Franklin's warning holds true today: "We had better hang together or we will hang separately."

## Brotherhood Has Two Sides

But if the high sentiments of brotherhood are to affect the concrete issues and tensions of our time, we must remember that brotherhood is a coin with two sides. We must, to be sure, emphasize the elements we share in common. Also we must reckon with the differences of outlook, temperament and approach which constitute the unique elements of human personality. Unless we seek to penetrate to the innermost recesses of our brother's soul, his hopes, ideals and anxieties, his beliefs, fears and doubts, protestations of brotherhood are a travesty and a delusion.

An old-world Jewish rabbi was accustomed to say that he had learned the meaning of love and brotherhood from a drunken Russian peasant. "One day," he said, "I entered an inn where two peasants were sitting at a table over their vodka. They were already advanced in their cups and were embracing each other and telling each other how much they loved each other. Suddenly Peter turned to Ivan and said: 'Tell me, Ivan, what hurts me?' 'How should I know what hurts you?' answered Ivan. 'If you don't know what hurts me, how can you say you love me?'"

## Modern Judaism Without Missionaries

It is to contribute to the inner understanding of Judaism by Jew and Christians that I wish to explain why modern Judaism has no missionaries.

Few words strike so deep a response in Christian hearts as the word "missionary." It may be a dark hut in the midst of the African jungle or a low rambling bamboo house in a Chinese river valley or a tent pitched in a clearing of the Australian bush. On the other hand, it may be much nearer home and take the form of a settlement house or recreation center in a slum neighborhood of our great cities. The missionary may carry on medical or educational activities, stressing social service or youth work. Basically, however, the purpose of the missionary is to save men's souls and the goal is indicated in the New Testament, "Believe on me and ye shall be saved."

Perhaps the most widely publicized type of missionary activity is the spectacular conversion of well-known men and women from time to time, which is recorded in great detail in the press.

Missionary work is one of the most characteristic features on Christianity. Strangely enough, however, the religion from which Christianity arose, the faith that Jesus and the Apostles themselves professed, employs no missionaries.

## Are Jews Superior?

How comes it that the mother faith does not utilize this type of activity in spreading its teachings? Would it not be an excellent way to help guarantee its survival, especially after six millions of its children have been brutally done to death? The question is often asked and mistaken answers are freely offered. Sometimes it is suggested

that Jews regard themselves as superior and wish no infiltration of non-Jews into their ranks. Judaism, it is often argued, is a racial or ethnic religion and is unconcerned with the rest of the human race.

Like so many other opinions strongly held about Jews and Judasim, these views are untrue. The Jewish religion has no doctrine of racial superiority and no traffic with the bloody nonsense of the racial myth and blood purity which the Nazis propagated so successfully. Nor it is true that Judaism is unconcerned with the salvation of mankind as a whole. The facts are quite to the contrary.

## Judaism Was Not Always Opposed

As a matter of fact, Judaism was not always opposed to missionaries. The present-day attitude of Judaism toward missionaries has both a history and a theory. Both must be understood in all their complexity. When Judaism first arose in the ancient world, it was, by its very nature, committed to a struggle against all the other religions of the day. For they were all pagan in character and recognized the existence of many gods. Judaism proclaimed one Living God, who was Creator of the uni-

verse and Father of all men and nations. Hence, all other gods were false and things of naught and it was the duty of the believers in the truth to turn their fellow-men away from error. This was the principal activity of the unknown prophet of the Babylonian exile, whose writings have come down to us in the book of Isaiah. He fought against the prevailing idolatry of his time, proclaiming the duty of Israel to set the prisoners free from the dungeon and those who dwell in darkness from the prisonhouse. Israel

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## Supreme Court Ruling To Help Slum Clearance

Mayor Raymond R. Tucker and officials of the city's Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority, headed by Executive Director Charles L. Farris, were greatly encouraged by the United States Supreme Court's recent announcement of a constitutional principle that may eventually work a vast improvement in the appearance of American cities.

In an unanimous opinion, written by Mr. Justice Douglas, the court said that laws intended for no other purpose than to improve the appearance of cities are constitutional. Here is the language of the opinion:

"It is within the power of the legislature to determine that the community should be beautiful as well as healthy, spacious as well as clean, well-balanced as well as carefully patrolled."

The court never before has gone so far toward proclaiming that the doctrine, with respect to the inherent right of states to enact laws for protection of the health, comfort and safety of the people includes the power to enact laws for the improvement and beautification of the community.

The court's ruling, in the opinion of Executive Director Farris, will expedite the work of the St. Louis Land Clearance Authority and make for greater progress in the city's slum clearance program. It should be a deterrent to any suit that might be brought to question the validity of Missouri's urban redevelopment law, which is similar to that of the nation's capital.

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# The Sukkah Built By Machetes

LUZON, Philippine Islands—What made this typically hot day any different from all the rest were two grim-looking Filipino brothers and the 30-inch machetes which they were wielding: Ceferino Canono, 26, and Leocado, 22, silently entered the office of a young Air Force lieutenant during the desolate noon hour and surprised the officer at his desk.

The Filipinos motioned the American to follow them. The three men—Ceferino first, the lieutenant next, and Leocado bringing up the rear—walked silently along the edge of the air base towards the nearby Pampanga Jungle. After a while Ceferino looked at the officer and beckoned him with the weapon. "We go here," he muttered. The procession continued into the depths and shadows of the jungle.

The elder brother stopped after a few minutes and asked Leocado, in the native Tagalog, if he thought it was a good spot. Getting a "yes" for an answer, he said to the officer, "We are ready, sir."

Thus began the building of the first recorded Sukkah of its kind in the history of the Air Force, built with the help of the two natives, who were really very friendly and most cooperative, this writer, and S/Sgt Ira Weiner, Chaplain's Assistant of Baytown, Texas, out of bamboo poles and banana leaves, the Sukkah was one of dignity, repose and beauty. It was built strictly K'Halacha (free translation—"according to Hoyle").

This was part of the National Jewish Welfare Board's world-wide "Operation Sukkos," which made possible the celebration of the Feast of Booths by GIs wherever they were stationed as well as by hospitalized veterans.

The Sukkah had been planned weeks in advance. Pictures of Suk-

By Chaplain Reuben E. Gross, USAF

kahs taken from books and diagrams made by us were presented to the Filipinos and carefully explained. A site had to be chosen and measurements made. The exact dimensions and proportions were based on the needs of Jewish personnel at Clark and on the feasibility of construction.

Other chaplains visiting the site were baffled by the ensuing preparations and wanted to know if the Filipinos were being evicted from

their Barrio (section of town) and were moving onto the base.

After services on Erev Sukkos, the congregation was invited to the Sukkah for Kiddush, which was followed by a Sukkos party held for all Jewish personnel at Clark Air Force Base. Everyone had a wonderful time. I explained the meaning of the Sukkah, Zmiros were sung and Jewish news events and stories were exchanged. It was the first Sukkah that many had been in and for the oldtimers it was a wonderful reminder of home.

## CALENDAR OF CURRENT EVENTS

(Listings must arrive at the office of the Jewish Star by Wednesday the week prior to publication. Phone PA. 1-2055. The Jewish Star accepts no responsibility for erroneous information forwarded.)

- MONDAY, DECEMBER 20**
- B'NAI EL TEMPLE SISTERHOOD**—Chanukah luncheon, 12 noon with the program beginning at 1:00 p. m. Entertainment will consist of holiday folk music by "The Sisterhood Choralers" under the direction of Mr. Norman A. Goldberg, and other attractions. For reservations phone Mrs. Martin Rodenberg, ST. 1-6899 or Mrs. Abe Rifkin, PA. 5-0535. Bring 50c gift to be sent to children of Israel.
- B'NAI AMOONA SISTERHOOD**—Chanukah luncheon featuring "Hil-Lites in Song" by convention delegates with guest Mrs. Pearl Kraus.
- SHAARE EMETH SISTERHOOD**—Luncheon and Play Day. Open board meeting at 10:30 a. m., luncheon at 12:00 noon. Guests of honor for the day will be the Sisterhood's past presidents. Bring cards, for reservations call PA. 7-7887.
- TPHERIS ISRAEL SISTERHOOD**—Annual Chanukah luncheon at 12:00 noon in the auditorium at 6912 Delmar. Cards will be played. Mrs. Flora Langsam, president, invites all members to bring their friends and guests to the affair.
- SHAARE ZEDEK SISTERHOOD**—Meeting at Shaare Zedek, 1:00 p. m.
- TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD**—Meeting at Temple Israel, 1:30 p. m.
- UNITED HEBREW TEMPLE LADIES' AID SOCIETY**—225 S. Skinner, 12 noon.
- B'NAI BRITH MEN'S COUNCIL OF ST. LOUIS**—Chase Hotel, 8:30 p. m.
- AGUDAS ACHIM TEMPLE P.T.A.**—East St. Louis, Ill., 8:00 p. m.

- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21**
- LADIES AUXILIARY OF SHEREI THILIM**—Chanukah card party at Sherei Thilim Hall, 539 DeBaliviere at 1:00 p. m.
- TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD**—"The Jew in the Modern World" by Dr. Sam Rosenkranz, 10:30 a. m.
- NUSACH HARI SISTERHOOD**—Annual Chanukah luncheon at the Synagogue, 1395 Blackstone, 12:30 p. m. A menu has been planned and program will include color movies of the wedding of the Rabbi and Mrs. Sholom Rivkin. Admission: \$1.25 per person. Proceeds will be for the support of the Nusach Hari Talmud Torah. The public is invited.
- PIONEER WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION CHAPTER 3**—Regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Sam Hoffman, 8712 W. Kingsbury at 8:00 p. m., dedicated to Chanukah. Members will entertain their husbands. The lighting of the "Chanukah Candles" will be made by master Lawrence Gelb.
- EMMER MEMORIAL AMVET POST 31 WOMEN'S AUXILIARY**.
- JEWISH CHILDREN'S HOME LADIES' AUXILIARY**—YMHA, 1:00 p. m.
- UNITED HEBREW TEMPLE MEN'S CLUB**—Meeting at United Hebrew Temple, 8:30 p. m.
- TPHERIS ISRAEL YOUNG ADULT GROUP**—6912 Delmar, 8:00 p. m.

- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22**
- AMERICA 511 AZA**—Harlan Goldring, chairman of the Community Service Committee and his fellow committeemen are planning a "Toy Dance," to be held at the YMHA, Room 17 from 3:30-5:30 p. m. Admission is one toy or 50 cents. The donation will go to a charitable organization.
- BRITH SHOLOM SISTERHOOD**—6166 Delmar, 1:30 p. m.
- WARSHAVER AID SOCIETY LADIES' AUXILIARY**—Meeting at Kings-Way Hotel, 8:30 p. m.
- MORIAH HAPOL HAMIZRACHI WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION OF ST. LOUIS**—Meeting at Kings-Way Hotel, 1:00 p. m.

- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24**
- CAMP SUHOCA**—Reunion at the YMHA, 2:00-5:00 p. m.
- ANNUAL COLLEGE YOUTH KIDDUSH SUPPER**—At Temple Israel.

- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25**
- USO**—Dance at the YMHA, 8:00 p. m.

- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26**
- USO**—Brunch at the YMHA, 11:00 a. m.-5:00 p. m., activities.
- CAMP HAWTHORNE**—Reunion at the YMHA, 2:00 p. m.
- BRITH SHOLOM**—Testimonial dinner and installation, 6166 Delmar, 6:00 p. m.
- B'NAI AMOONA MEN'S CLUB**—Chanukah party presented by and for the children.
- WARSHAVER AID SOCIETY**—24th anniversary dinner at Sherei Thilim, 537 DeBaliviere, 6:30 p. m. Co-chairmen are Nat J. Gordon and Paul Dardick. Kosher dinner followed by musical entertainment.
- YOUNG ADULT GROUP OF TEMPLE ISRAEL**—Chanukah Dance at Temple Israel, auditorium, 8:30-12:00 p. m.

## THE JEWISH PARADOX

Jewish people are in the forefront of numerous civil rights efforts. Their particular status coupled with a sincere devotion to political democracy and individualism puts the Jew among the fighters for tolerance and understanding.

But this "love your neighbor" attitude excludes one group—the Jewish people. The Jewish liberal who proclaims freedom of conscience for all but his fellow Jews is not an exception.

Depending upon the speaker

... the orthodox Jew is always "old-fashioned, old-worldish and superstitious."

... the reform Jew is always "ignorant, too lazy to perform the traditional rituals, and an assimilationist."

... the conservative Jew is classified with the reform by the orthodox, and with the orthodox by the reform; they "simply can't make up their minds."

Our uncharitable attitude towards fellow Jews extends into organizational and social life. Sometimes it is depressing to have to listen to these slurs and charges. A bit more dignity would be in place.

Sensitivity to self-criticism: yes; interplay of ideas: yes; exposing the superficial and fallacious: yes such dynamism of community life should not be inhibited. But we can do without the self-deprecating and self-hating attitude, which would be classified anti-Semitic if coming from non-Jews.

In the short life of the Jewish Star we have met too many Jewish people in all walks of life (especially businessmen) whose generalizations, concocted out of half-truths and ignorance, were a disgrace to them.

## PERSONALITIES AND EVENTS IN JEWISH HISTORY

By CECIL ROTH

(A Review by Stanley W. Harris, District No. 2 Director, B'nai Brith Youth Organization).

Personalities and Events in Jewish History (page 324, Jewish Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa., price—\$4) is a collection of essays on Jewish life by the outstanding historian, Cecil Roth. The essays touch the bizarre, the little-known, the sad, the amusing, the romantic. They include valuable statistics, detailed description, dynamic people, and authoritative detail. This is indeed a book that must be read and placed in a convenient spot for future re-reading.

The first essay is not the most colorful nor dramatic of the twenty-three. Yet, it is one of the most appropriate. In this essay we find a challenge and a hope for Judaism. "Parallels and Paradox" focuses on similarities in our own struggles and predictions for Jewish life and those of the past. The references are specific and timely, the meanings are clear. There is great challenge in the essay and great hope. The theme is basic in emphasizing Jewish survival in terms of an individual civilization and culture—with "Jewish learning . . . the one tried preservative."

"The Jewish as a European," "The Unassimilable Jew" and "The Medieval Conception of the Jew" all trace Jewish history through important periods of development and change. Although Jewish populations have spread to ever corner of the earth the Jew is fundamentally a key figure in the history of Western civilization. Through misconception and persecution Jewish life has maintained itself; yet in a more pessimistic mood Roth shows that the Jews are not as unassimilable as often claimed. Jewish populations have not kept pace with the world populations and even now in the outlying communities of the western world the depreciation continues.

The theme of the fifth essay, the "Eternal Protestant" once again shows Roth's astute ability to re-late historical characteristics to the temper of the day. This is one of

his most timely and optimistic discussions. The idea is simple. The Jew is a herald of controversy, a clarion of democratic change. Because of his background and learning he will always be in the forefront of groups and causes which are active toward breaking the status quo. And to reassure the timid and fearful, Roth is emphatic in his claim that this is one of Judaism's major contributions. In fact, this attribute is so vital: "In no narrow theological sense, it may be said that the survival of Judaism may yet mean the salvation of civilization."

"The Medieval University and the Jew," "Forced Baptisms" and "The Madonna of the Scroll" are authoritative, descriptive studies of some of the savage open persecutions of the Jews. Roth tries to present these studies objectively and faculty. However, so dramatic and bitter are the themes that the writer can only be swept away by the disasters. In each of these writings the descriptions move with terrible fury. And still a tone of

moderation and pride moves through them all. The persecuted stand in glory before their persecutors and struggle against all odds for learning, belief, and Torah. One is confident that out of the despondency and tyranny new freedoms and life will spring forth.

Superstitions and folkways as found in the ghetto are reviewed briefly in the sixth essay. This is not quite as colorful as essay eight, "a Community of Slaves." This study depicts the history of the Jews of Malta, a "community of captives. The knights of the Order of St. John, degenerate knights-errants and pirates of Christendom, prayed upon the Mediterranean trade routes. The cosmopolitan Jewish traders and travelers among their most pathetic victims. The Jewish literature relating to the tribulation of the captives, the community organization built around the self-sacrifices and the ransoming, the spiritual life on the Island—all are traced with sympathy and compassion by the author. Even a touch of stern humor tempers the writing. Actually this is not only an essay but a story; a story that moves the reader to drive even deeper into the rich and varied treasure of the successive essays.

These several essays are only the beginning. There are twenty-three essays in all, each appealing to a different interest and historical concern. All are written with the master touch: simple, dramatic, patient, objective. This is indeed a book to own, to read, to use as a reference, to pass along to one's friends and children, and to take its place with the finest of its kind.

## THE TERCENTENARY STORY

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## 4. The Inquisition in America

Text by DANIEL ELAZAR

Illustrations by MAURICE del BOURGO



# Open \$2,340,000 Campaign For American Reform Judaism

A nationwide \$2,340,000 Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism was formally launched this week at a dinner attended by more than 600 Reform Jewish leaders.

In addition to opening the national campaign to maintain and expand the national religious institutions of Reform Judaism, the dinner meeting paid tribute to Walter W. Weismann, who has been designated as "Man of the Year" by the Federation of New York Reform Synagogues.

The Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism provides the maintenance support of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, national parent body of 490 Reform Jewish congregations in the United States, and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the oldest and largest Jewish theological seminary in this country.

Frank L. Weil, a National chairman of the Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism, who presided at the dinner meeting, announced that advance gifts to the current drive for Reform Jewish institutions totalled \$515,000 including \$175,000 pledged by those attending the dinner.

## Religion's 'Major Role'—Weismann

Weismann, who was presented with a bronze plaque "for his leadership," told the assembled Jewish leaders that "religion must play the major role in a world torn asunder by warring concepts of values."

He warned that "it is our responsibility as leaders of American Reform Judaism, to strengthen our movement to enable it to assume its rightful place in the struggle for the minds and souls of members of the Jewish community."

Citing the "tremendous growth"

## Finds Orphan Grandchild After 13 Yr. Separation

NEW YORK — A grandmother who for 13 years had sought the whereabouts of her late son's daughter, and who in the meantime had collected for her \$2000 in German restitution money, in the hope that she would some day find the girl and turn it over to her, recently fulfilled her heart's desire when the Tel Aviv office of United HIAS Service, the Jewish international migration agency, located the sought person in Israel and put her in touch with her grandmother now living in Australia.

According to a report received at world headquarters of United HIAS Service, the story dates back to 1941.

Mrs. Rosa Cohen, a German refugee from the Hitler terror, appealed from Shanghai to HIAS for news of her son, Dr. Harry Schindler. HIAS located Dr. Schindler in a concentration camp in France. His wife, who had been living in Brussels, Belgium with their only child, Lore, came to him there, and died the day after she arrived. The child stayed with her father, who died in 1942. HIAS, working through its Marseilles branch, succeeded in liberating the girl from the camp and concealed her with a friendly French family. Contact with the girl was later lost.

The years passed, and the child's grandmother continued her efforts to locate the child, first from China and later from Australia. Recently, United HIAS Service notified Mrs. Cohen in Australia that her granddaughter was safe and sound in Israel, and had just been married. The grandmother's joy knew no bounds. In addition to the natural wish to be reunited with her dead son's only child, she wanted to give her \$2000 in restitution funds from the German government, to which she was entitled as an orphan of parents who were Nazi victims, and which she was holding for her.

The first thing Mrs. Cohen did was to inform the girl of the funds she was keeping for her, and to send her a belated wedding gift.

of American Reform Judaism in recent years, Weismann noted that Reform or Liberal Judaism today embraces in its fold one out of

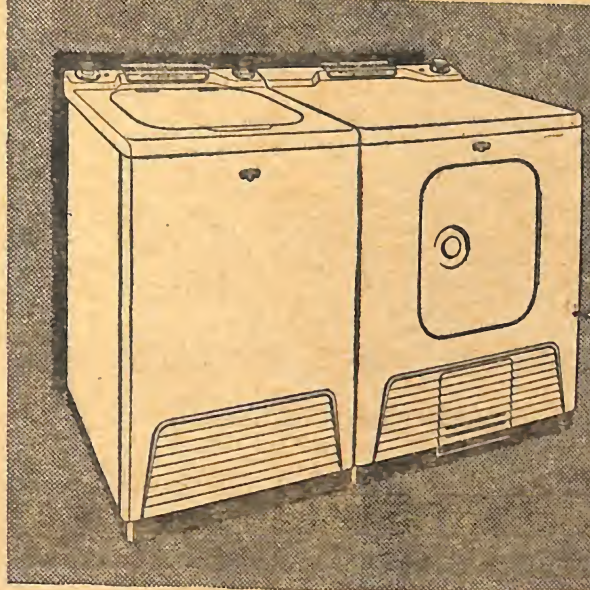
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every eight Jews in the country, pointed out that there are today whereas as recently as 1934, it numbered in its ranks only one out of every 50 American Jews. He

approximately 500 Reform congregations in the country as against 300 in 1934.

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# YOU and YOUR CHILD

By Abraham J. Simon, Ph. D.,  
Executive Director, Jewish Child  
Welfare Association of St. Louis



Dr. Simon

Toilet training practices in general, and the attitudes and methods by which this is successfully accomplished, does put an indelible stamp on the future personality of the child. Failure on the part of the child and parent to achieve success in this area, and a continuation of wetting and soiling, by day or night, in places other than the bathroom, makes inevitable widespread social and psychological dysfunction. Inferiority, guilt, loneliness to the point of being a recluse is the lot of the unsuccessful. Such failures among adults are concealed much more tenaciously than even intimate sexual information. Therefore, we have little scientific data. But many experts believe that this explains most instances of avoidance of marriage. An astonishing number of men were unfit for military service on this account. Incontinence is basically an emotional disturbance. Rare indeed, is it the result of a physical defect; nor is it

treatable by physical medicine. I do not agree with the kind of reassurance given most parents by pediatricians, when children have chronic "accidents" or wet the bed regularly after the age of six. I would consider this a danger sign and would advise expert study. Carefully thought out changes in the handling of the child and in the attitudes and atmosphere in the home will result in more improvement than simply toilet training. The advice "forget it" or "pay no attention" is sound as far as it goes, but it doesn't go very far. It is so small a part of what is needed as to be quite impractical by itself. I challenge the most mature parent to "disregard" incontinence when their senses of sight and smell are assailed. It is really quite an act of negligence to accept this recommendation. While greater harm to the child may be avoided by making no issue, parents are rendered quite miserable by such advice. Improvement does not necessarily follow. "Leave him alone and he will outgrow it," is more of a wish than a prediction.

This urgency for continence, along with systematic orderliness, cleanliness and a general living by the clock has made greater and

## Morris Kraines Elected President Of Zionist Order

The Farband Labor Zionist Order held its election of officers at a special Chanukah celebration Sunday, December 12th. Various talents have been the guests of the Farband Labor Zionist Order at these meetings at the YMHA.

The following officers were elected:

President, Morris Kraines; Vice-Presidents, Louis Axelbaum, Louis Dinkin, Celia Rosen, Dora Rosen, Gussie Tolchinsky, Sam Wortman, A. L. Yevelson; General Secretary, Sidney Duhov; Recording Secretary, Elias Rosen; Executive Secretary, Alex Scheinkman; Treasurer, Fischel Tolchinsky; Treasurer of Affairs, Jacob Goldman; Social Secretary, Leo Finkelstein; Hospital Committee, Minnie Finkelstein, Minnie Dinkin, Eva Goldman, Alex Scheinkman, Esther Wortman; Medical Examiner, Dr. James Austin; Committee Chairmen: Membership Chairmen, Paul Dardick, Louis Dinkin; Chairman of Israeli Affairs, I. Rosen; Co-Chairmen, Esther Wortman, Saul Freiman, Sec.; Cultural Chairman, Morris Greenwald; Israeli Bond Chairman, Paul Lyss; Souvenir Chairman, Celia Kraines; Publicity, Jack Mitchell, English; J. H. Edelson, Yiddish; Yiddisher Kempfer, Meyer Hoffman; Arrangement Committee, Gussie Tolchinsky, Chairman, Celia Rosen, Paul Dardick, Louis Axelbaum, Dora Rosen; Reception Committee, Minnie Axelbaum, Chairman, Louis Dinkin, L. Finkelstein, J. Goldman, M. Nelson, E. Rosen.

## CHANUKAH PARTY FOR CHILDREN

St. Louis Chapter of the City of Hope held its third annual Chanukah party for the children of its members Sunday afternoon at the new YMCA, Maryland and Brentwood.

The afternoon included the Council House Players, puppeteers, showing "Jack and the Beanstalk," Zippy, the famous Tip Top clown, a magician, games and refreshments.

greater demands on the energies of human beings in the past twenty years. Many scholars believe that a great increase in nervous tension has been generated in people because the human psyche is not up to meeting the strict demands of modern urban living. The human being has not changed psychologically or neurologically since the stone age. Man, with a Stone Age constitution, is now living in a high speed, intricately mechanized, systematically geared machine age city.

Not too many years ago, we were on more intimate terms with human and animal waste. In an agricultural economy such waste products had great positive value in making a living. If you want to know how valuable, buy a few truck loads of manure, or a few bags of fertilizer. With no inside plumbing or running water, the disposal of human waste could not possibly be the secretive, odorless, process into which we have transformed it. By and large, the handling and mechanical disposition of human waste was an open and above board routine, and psychologically casual activity. It was not a taboo subject. Human waste did not arouse in adults the kind of nausea, disgust and revulsion which is experienced today. This change of attitude is very relevant to our interest. Children were then not so exposed to the urgent necessity of becoming toilet trained before they could walk. Nor were they exposed to strong feelings of disgust from their parents during the process of training.

We need to appreciate the potential danger to the child of our current social attitude toward personal cleanliness. Examine your own feelings. If human waste strikes you as being particularly disgusting and repulsive, you have two strikes against you when you start to train your child. If you cannot moderate your feelings, but find them beyond your conscious control, then you have a problem which you will transmit to your child in the process of training.

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## Melvin S. Strassner Elected President Of Temple Israel

### Will Proceed With Plans To Relocate.

Melvin S. Strassner was elected president of Temple Israel at the congregation's sixty-eighth annual meeting, held at the temple, Kingshighway and Washington boulevards.

Strassner, of 7144 Wydown bl., Clayton, succeeds Harold Dubinsky, who was presented with a silver Chanukah lamp in appreciation of his work. Other officers chosen are: Jack Chasnoff, first vice president; Nathan S. Bender, second vice president; Carl K. Fireside, treasurer and Charles S. Glazer, secretary.

New members of the temple board are Dr. Harry Agass, George Gillerman, Ben Glassman, Melvin Stern, St. Louis County Circuit Judge Noah Weinstein and Sander B. Zwick.

Temple Israel will proceed with long-range plans to relocate on a site it has bought in Creve Coeur, under a resolution approved at the meeting.

The measure authorized the temple's board to take whatever action it considers necessary "to establish the congregation's right to build on the new site."

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman awarded Jewish tercentenary medallions to seven persons in

recognition of their public service. Recipients were Saul Dubinsky, City Plan Commission chairman; Mrs. Jules H. Kopp, member of the Clayton Board of Education; Samuel H. Liberman, city counselor; William B. Milius, Clayton alderman; Mayor Jule A. Schweig of Clayton; William A. Stolar, St. Louis alderman, and Circuit Judge Noah Weinstein of St. Louis county.

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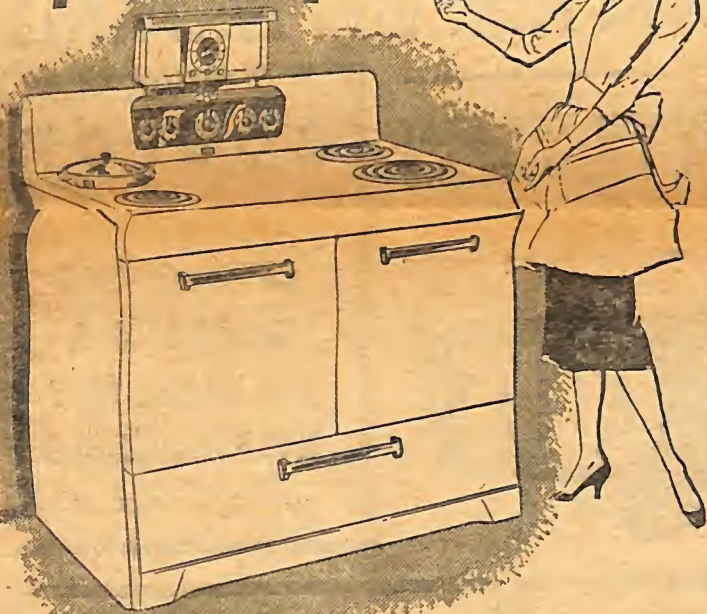
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## Engagements • Weddings •

**Sandra Sherman, Harry  
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Announcement was made at a party given Sunday afternoon, November 28, by Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Sherman, 7332 Dartmouth, University City, of their daughter Miss Sandra Sherman to Harry Sander. The wedding, to be performed by Rabbi Samuel Thurman will take place Sunday afternoon, Feb. 27 in the Tiara Room of Park Plaza Hotel.

Miss Sherman attended the University of Miami and is now a sophomore student in the College of Liberal Arts at Washington University. The bridegroom-to-be, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Sander, 3832 McRee avenue, received his B.S. degree from Washington University's School of Business Administration. Mr. Sander served with the Army in the Philippines for 22 months, where he was awarded three battle stars and the Combat Infantry Badge.

**Vida Goldman Wed To Lt.  
Ronald Stanford Prince**

Miss Vida Tucker Goldman, daughter of Mrs. Lawrence E. Goldman of the Congress Hotel and the late Dr. Goldman, became the bride of Lt. Ronald Stanford Prince, an Air Force officer. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Prince who came here for the occasion. Performing the ceremony was Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman. A dinner and reception followed the ceremony.

Lt. Prince and his bride will have a week in New York going to Loring Air Force Base, Limestone, Me., where he is stationed. He is a graduate of Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Ga., and the University of North Carolina. The bride is a graduate of John Burroughs School, Centenary Junior College and Tobe-Coburn School for Fashion Careers, New York.

**June Wedding Planned  
For Jacqueline Weil,  
Morton Rubenstein**

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Weil of Alexandria, Va., gave a family dinner Thanksgiving Day to announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jacqueline Mae Weil to Midshipman Morton Jay Rubenstein, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Rubenstein, 59 Broadview dr., Clayton. The wedding is to take place in June after the bridegroom-elect is graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

Miss Weil received her B. A. degree from Westhampton College, University of Richmond, Va.

An alumnus of Clayton High School, the bridegroom-to-be attended Washington University for two years before his appointment to the Academy.

**June Wedding For  
Judith Ginsburg And  
Edgar Lee Wolff**

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Ginsburg, 907 South Hanley Road, Clayton, have announced the engagement of their daughter Judith Ginsburg to Edgar Lee Wolff son of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Wolff, 7457 Cromwell drive, Clayton. Both Miss Ginsburg and her fiancé are graduates of Clayton High School. The wedding will take place in June.

**HANNAH MILLMAN  
BRIDE-TO-BE OF  
VICTOR FINER**

Announcement of the engagement of Miss Hannah Libby Millman to Victor Finer has been made by her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Sender Millman, 727 Syracuse Ave., University City. Mr. Finer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Finer, 6244 Fauquier Dr.

Miss Millman, a graduate of University City High School, attended Washington University where she majored in medical technology. Her fiancé was graduated from Brentwood High School and later attended Washington University.

**Miss Roberta Karsh,  
Sidney Weissman,  
Married**

Miss Roberta Karsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Karsh, 516 Kingdel avenue, University City, was married November 7 to Sidney Weissman in the ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel. Rabbi Abraham E. Halpern performed the ceremony. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weissman, 730 Interdrive, University City.

A dinner and reception at the hotel was given by Mr. and Mrs. Karsh.

**Feb. Wedding For  
Irene Feir, Lt.  
Richard Sokol**

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Feir, 8000 Braddock drive, University City have announced the engagement of their daughter Miss Irene Feir to Second Lt. Richard L. Sokol, stationed at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill. The wedding will be an event of late February.

Lt. Sokol is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sokol of Akron, O., who were here for the announcement party. He received his A.B. degree from the University of Akron and attended graduate school at Kent (O.) State University.

**Marjorie Schoenfeld  
To Wed Jerome Davis**

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Schoenfeld of Washington have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Marjorie Lee Schoenfeld, to Jerome Davis who parents are Mr. and Mrs. Nat L. Davis, 7858 Trenton ave., University City.

Davis is home on leave from Alaska, where he is an education specialist with the United States Air Force, and Miss Schoenfeld has come from Washington to visit at the Davis home until her fiancé returns to the North in about 10 days. He received both his bachelor and master's degrees from Washington University.

### OBITUARIES

**WEISS, ANNA DAWIDOFF**, December 11, 1954, wife of Max Weiss, mother of Melvin and Helen-Jean Soll, sister of Mrs. Sophie Crasilneck, Mrs. Lillian Olshwanger and Sidney Dawidoff. Funeral from Rindskopf Chapel.

**BARTFELD, DANIEL**, December 11, 1954, Soap Lake, Wash., husband of Ida Bartfeld, father of Joan Gistenson, Suzanne and Bruce Bartfeld, brother of Mrs. Minnie Bishop, Mrs. Maude Bishop, Louis Bartfeld, Mrs. Ida Brod and Shirley Bartfeld. Funeral from the Rindskopf Chapel.

**ROCHMAN, ABE**, December 10, 1954, husband of Anna Rochman, brother of Mrs. Beckie Rosen and Alex Rochman. Funeral from Berger Memorial.

**WERNER, FLORA SALINGER**, December 10, 1954, wife of Edward Werner. Funeral from Rindskopf Chapel.

**MESTMAN, PEARL**, December 12, 1954, wife of the late Samuel Mestman, mother of Abe, Sol and Herman Mestman, Mrs. Anne Bernstein, Mrs. Rose Goldman, and late Morris Mestman and Gussie Brown. Funeral from Rindskopf Chapel.

**RICHTER, LOUIS**, December 13, 1954, husband of Sylvia Geist Richter, father of Mrs. Harry S. Ackerman, brother of Mrs. Grace Light of Chicago, Ill., Richard and Alfred Richter. In state at Mayer Funeral Home.

**Miss Bess Schmidt,  
Sol Rosen, Married**

Miss Bess Schmidt, daughter of Joseph Schmidt, 5742 DeGiverville, and Sol Rosen, son of Israel Rosen, 1438 East Grand Blvd., were wed at Le Chateau restaurant Nov. 14. After the ceremony, at which Rabbi Jacob Mazur officiated, the 75 guests remained for dinner.

The newly married pair are living at 5526 Pershing after their wedding trip to Chicago and Decatur, Ill.

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**AL HAFNER**, treasurer; **ZENA BOYER**, vice-president; **BEN WALLERSTEIN**, president; **BARBARA WEINBERG**, recording secretary left to right, front row; **NATALIE WEINBERG**, assistant corresponding secretary; **SAM FISHER**, assistant sergeant at arms; **RUTH LEVIN**, corresponding secretary; **JIM BERNSTEIN**, sergeant at arms; and **CLARICE LYNFORD**, historian (standing, left to right), were installed as the new officers of the young adult group of Temple Israel recently.

## Sports

by HANK MORRIS

### BOWLING SCORES

Last Week's High Bowlers  
In B'nai B'rith Leagues

**CLASSIC**  
High single: H. Gelber, 257; high three: H. Gelber and A. Ostrow, 639.

**SUBURBAN**  
High Single: O. Brasken, 213; high three: O. Brasken, 567.

**COUNTY**  
High single: Joe Rubin, 210; high three: Joe Rubin, 577.

### YMHA Basketball League

Standings:

Division No. 1

Atoms No. 1	Won	Lost
Atoms No. 2	4	2
Missouri Lodge	1	3
Rangers	1	3

Last Sunday's Scores:

Atoms No. 1, 82; Rangers 53.

Atoms No. 2, 75; Mo. Lodge 73.

Division No. 2

Diabs	Won	Lost
Seahawks	3	1
Pi Lambda Phi	2	2
St. Louis Silents	2	2
Achims	1	3
Rebels	1	3

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Seahawks, 69; Achims, 44  
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A keynote address will be given by Professor Eli Ginsberg of Columbia University. Other featured speakers will be Abraham Harman, Israel Consul-General in New York; Mrs. Rose Halprin of the Jewish Agency for Palestine Executives; and a representative from the National Hillel Foundation.

Workshop sessions will be devoted to such subjects as the impact of Israel upon the American Jewish community; the position of the new State in the Middle East; and the role that college students can play on the American Zionist scene.

More than 200 students from fifty colleges in the United States and Canada are expected at the Convention. Evolving from the dis-

cussions will be the formulation of aims and principles of the new student Zionist organization as well as a suggested program of activity.

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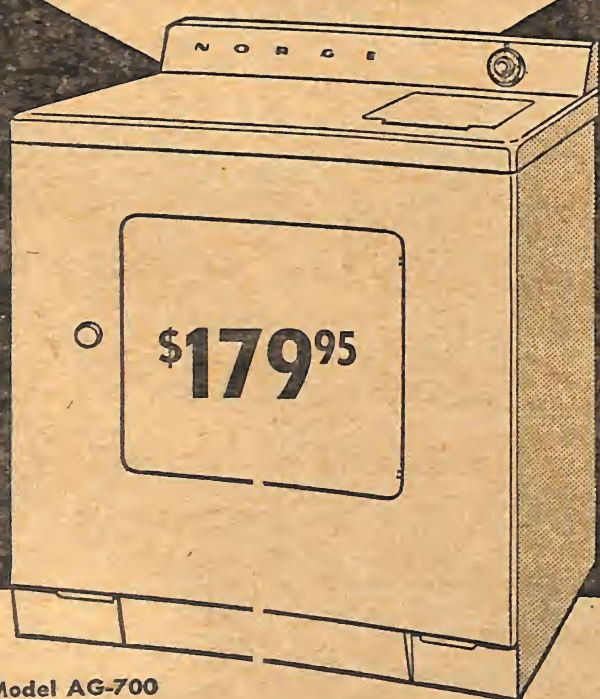
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